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1. Opening of the Assembly

The United Nations Second World Assembly on Ageing will be convened at the Municipal Convention Centre, Madrid, on Monday, 8 April 2002.

2. Election of the President

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Assembly (A/CONF.197/2) provides that the Assembly shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. In accordance with standard practice, the presidency of the Assembly will go to the host country. Rule 44 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Assembly decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

* The Chairman of the Main Committee will be elected in plenary meeting; officers of the Main Committee other than the Chairman will be elected by the Main Committee.

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3. Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure were approved by the General Assembly in its decision 56/427 of 19 December 2001.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.197/2)

4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda set out in the present document was approved and recommended to the Assembly for adoption by the Preparatory Committee at its first session, held in New York from 26 February to 2 March 2001.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing on the work of its second session (A/CONF.197/3 and Add.1 and 2)

5. Election of officers other than the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Assembly shall elect, in addition to the President, 27 Vice-Presidents and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General and Chairmen for the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the Bureau composed in accordance with rule 11. The Assembly may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee of the Assembly

In its resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000, the General Assembly decided to convene the Second World Assembly on Ageing at the highest possible level of participation. At its second session, the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee approved the proposed organization of work for the Assembly and recommended its adoption by the Second World Assembly on Ageing. In accordance with these decisions, it is proposed that the Assembly organize its work around a plenary and a main committee. Under rule 48 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Assembly and the Main Committee may establish such working groups as they deem necessary for the performance of their functions. In accordance with rule 49, except as provided in rule 6 or otherwise decided, each subsidiary body shall elect its own officers.

The provisional rules of procedure also provide for the appointment of a Credentials Committee (rule 4) and a Main Committee (rules 11, 12 and 13).

A note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters will be before the Assembly for consideration. It will include a proposed timetable for the work of the Assembly.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters (A/CONF.197/4)

7. Credentials of representatives to the Assembly

(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Assembly and that its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth session. The Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session consisted of the following Member States: China, Denmark, Jamaica, Lesotho, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, the United States of America and Uruguay.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Assembly without delay.

8. General exchange of views

During the period of 8 to 12 April, a general exchange of views will be held, at which time Member States and observers will make their statements, limited to seven minutes, in the order in which they draw lots. During the same period, representatives of intergovernmental organizations and executive heads of interested organizations of the United Nations may present one statement, limited to five minutes, during the Assembly. Given the availability of time, representatives of a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations may also make statements in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Assembly and the decision of the General Assembly on arrangements regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing on the work of its second session (A/CONF.197/3 and Add.1 and 2)

9. Political Declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

In paragraph 1 of its resolution 54/262, the General Assembly decided that the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the first World Assembly on Ageing held at Vienna, should be devoted to the overall review of the outcome of the first World Assembly.

Under this item, the draft political declaration and the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002, as contained in A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and Add.2, respectively, and approved by the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee at its second session, held in New York from 25 February to

1 March 2002, will be submitted to the Assembly for further consideration and adoption.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing on the work of its second session transmitting proposals for consideration in the preparation of a draft political declaration and a draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002 (A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and Add.2)

13. Adoption of the report of the Assembly

The Assembly will adopt a report of its activities, a draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General and presented to the Assembly for its approval.